



Minnesota Ag News – Mink

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UNITED STATES, MINNESOTA PELT PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2009

PELT PRODUCTION: Total state production for 2010 totaled 199,730 mink pelts, down over 25 percent from 267,200 in 2009 according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Minnesota was fifth in 2010 pelt production behind Wisconsin, Utah, Oregon and Idaho.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2010 totaled 2.82 million pelts, down 2 percent from 2009. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 883,430 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 677,900 pelts.

Value of pelts produced during the 2010 crop year was 231 million, up 24 percent from \$187 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2010 crop year was \$81.90, up \$16.80 from \$65.10 in 2009.

2010 Pelt Production by Color Class¹

	Total Pelts <i>Number</i>	Black <i>Number</i>	Demi-Wild <i>Number</i>	Blue Iris <i>Number</i>	Mahogany <i>Number</i>	White <i>Number</i>
US	2,822,200	1,443,600	101,200	263,620	725,900	46,800
MN	199,730	47,000	37,000	22,000	85,000	3,900

¹ Published color classes may not add to National or State total.

BRED FEMALES: Minnesota ranked fifth in total number of females bred to produce kits in 2011 - behind Wisconsin, Utah, Idaho and Oregon. Minnesota females bred for 2011, at 53,220, are up 16 percent from 2010. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class: Mahogany at 38 percent, Black at 32 percent, Blue Iris at 10 percent and White at 2 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 18 percent.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2011 totaled 701,000, up 5 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2011 by color class is as follows: Black at 52 percent, Mahogany at 25 percent, Blue Iris at 8 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 11 percent.

Mink farms producing pelts in 2010 totaled 265, down 5 percent from a year ago.